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Now Sonic seeks out the sage Gregorios, who claims to hold **the key to help him save the world...**

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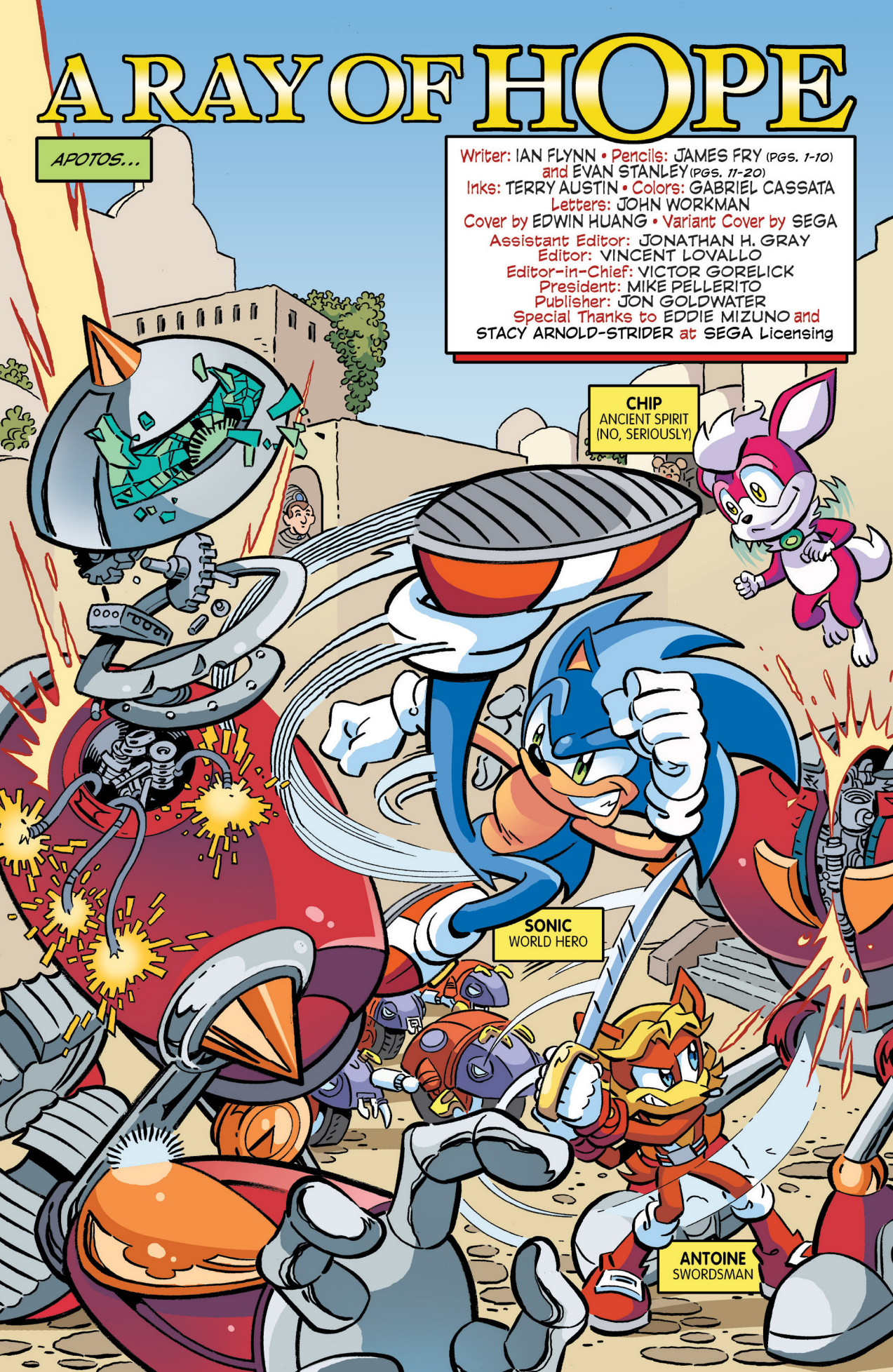
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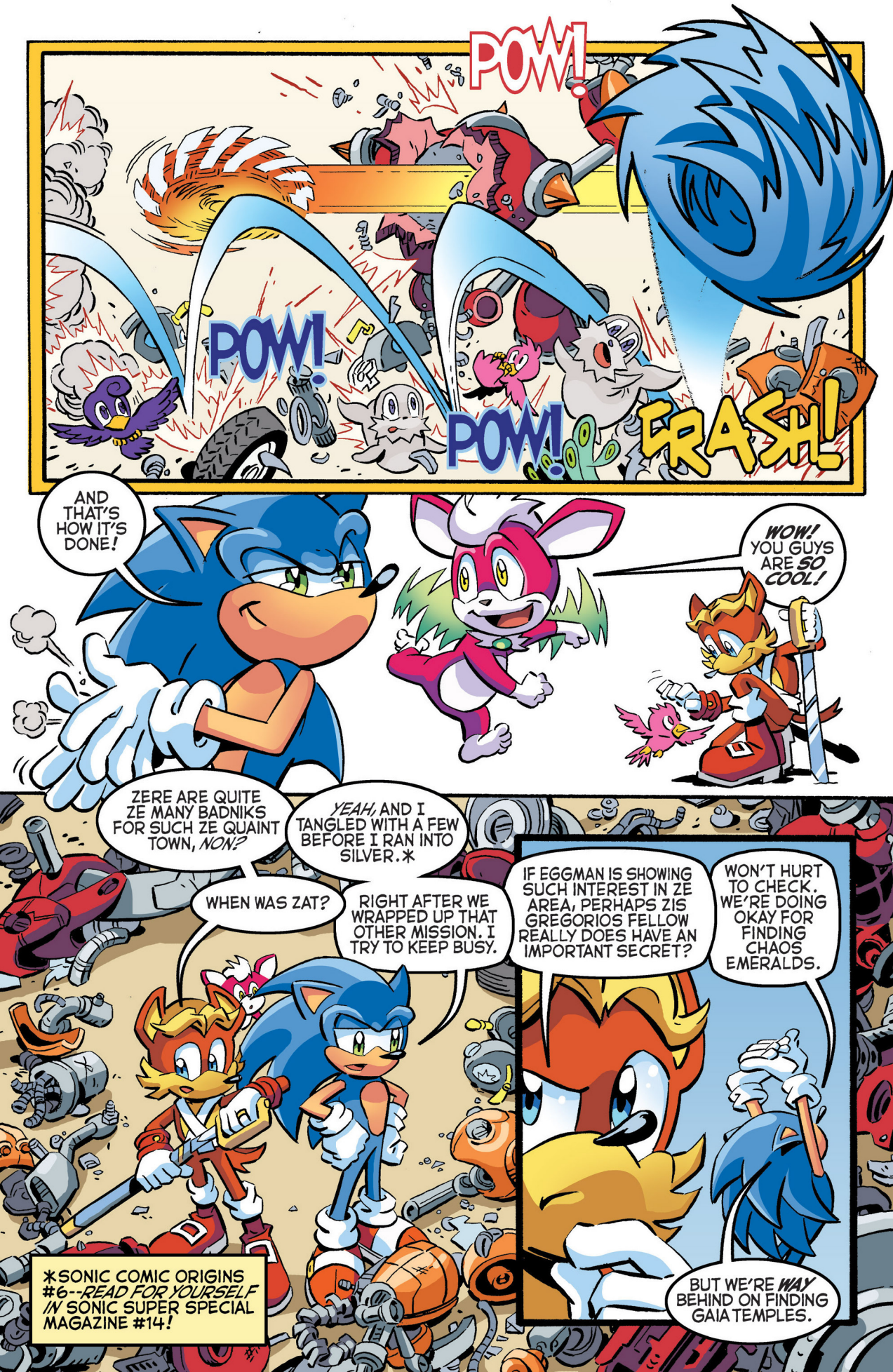
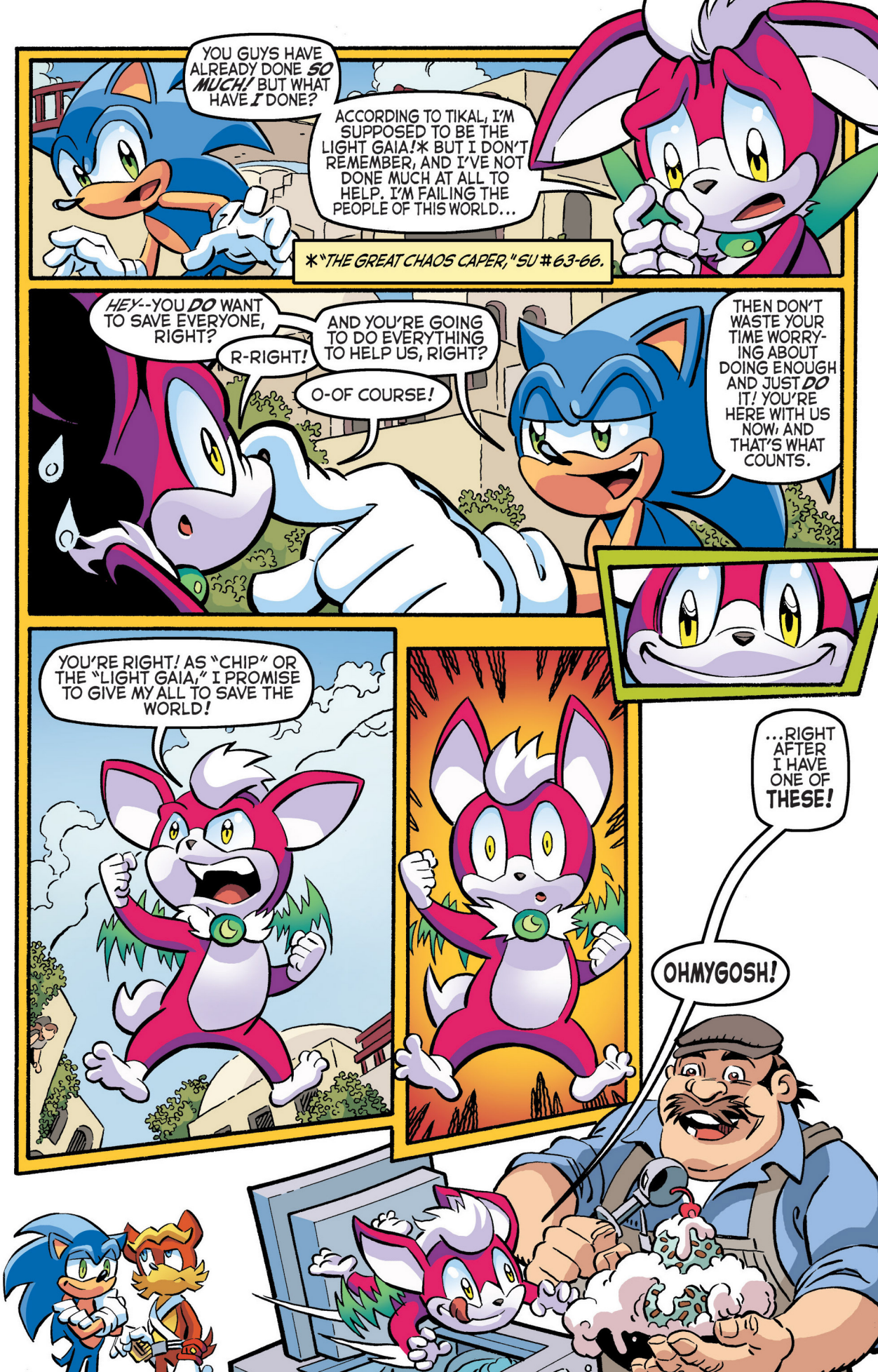
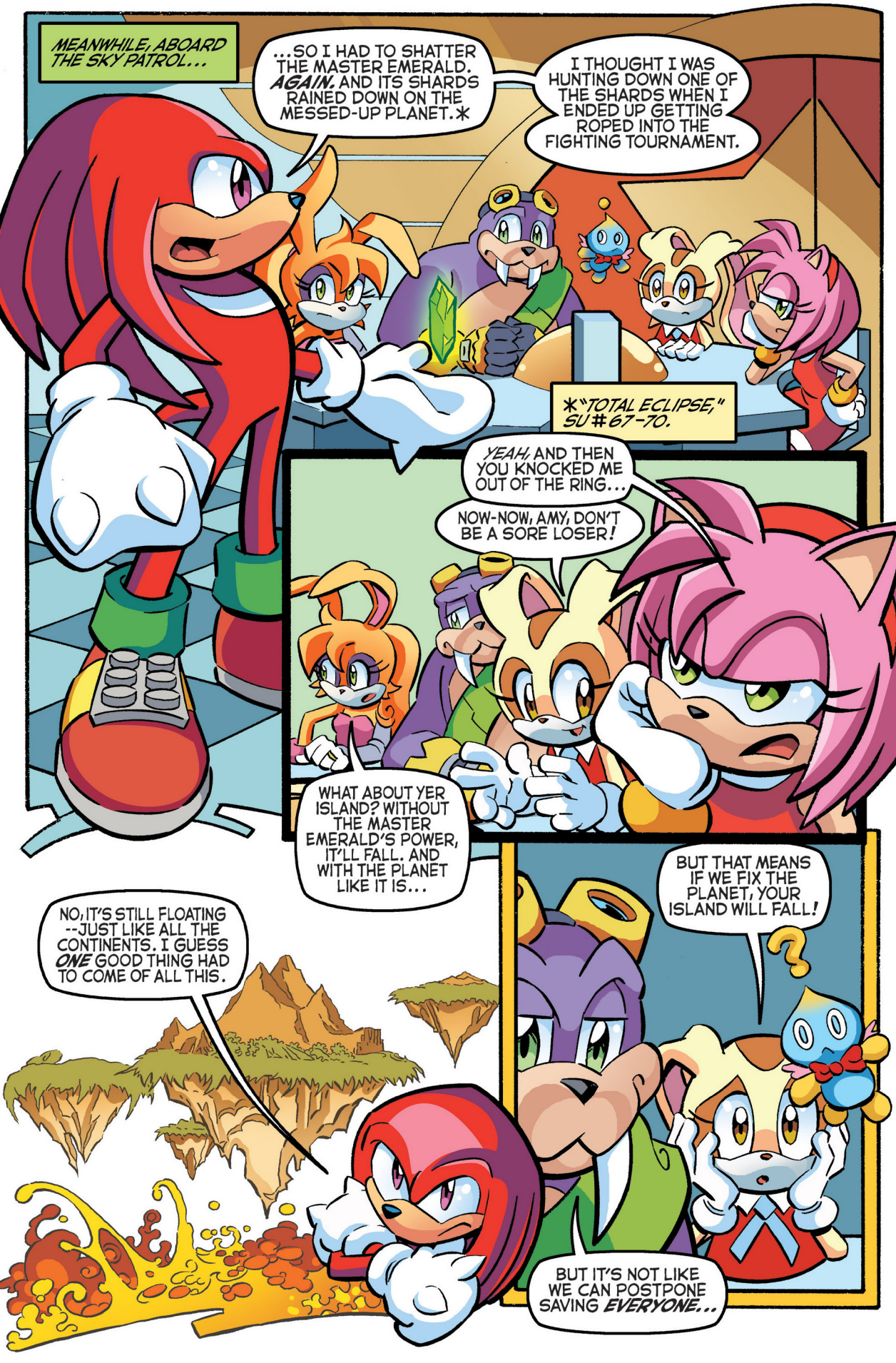
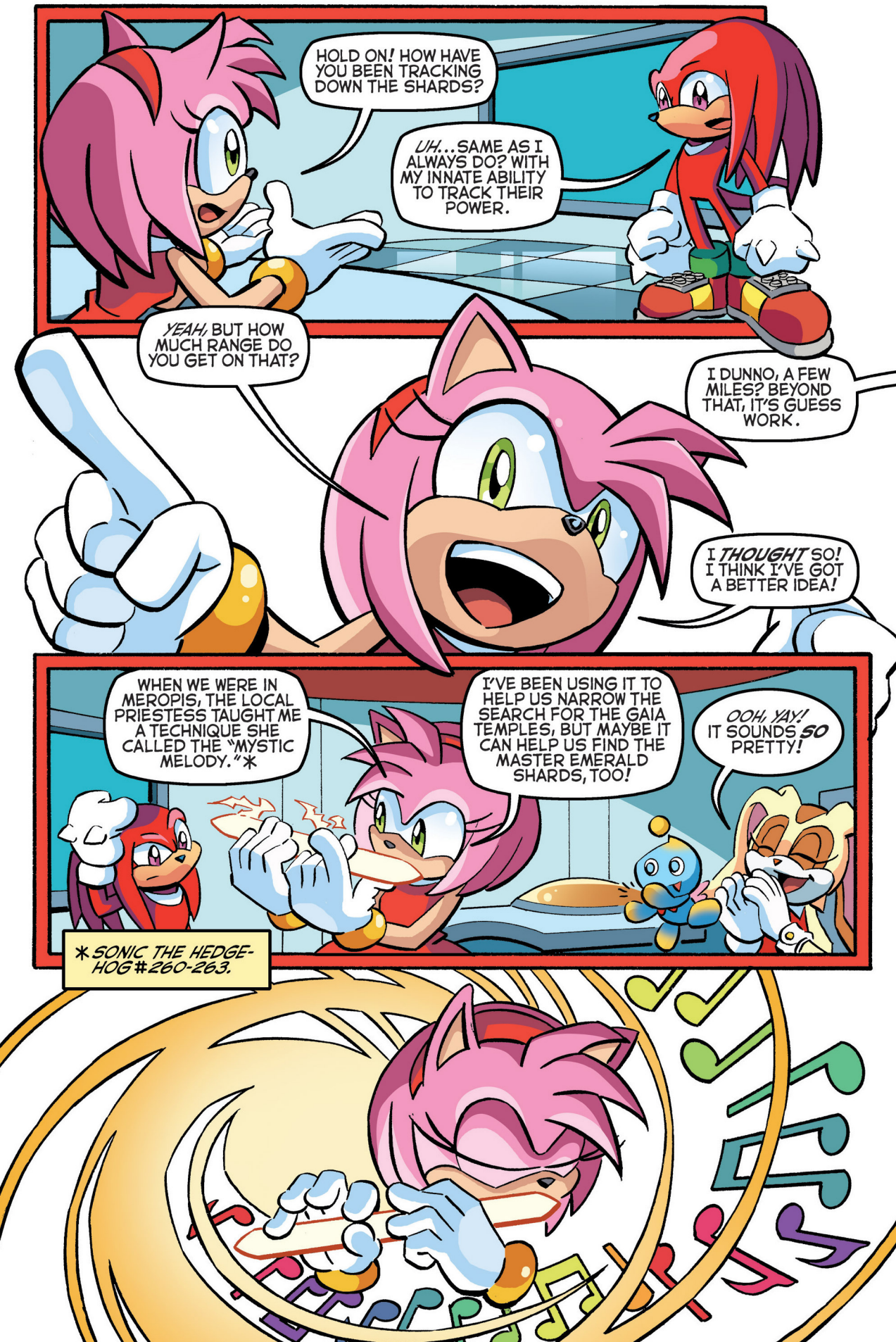
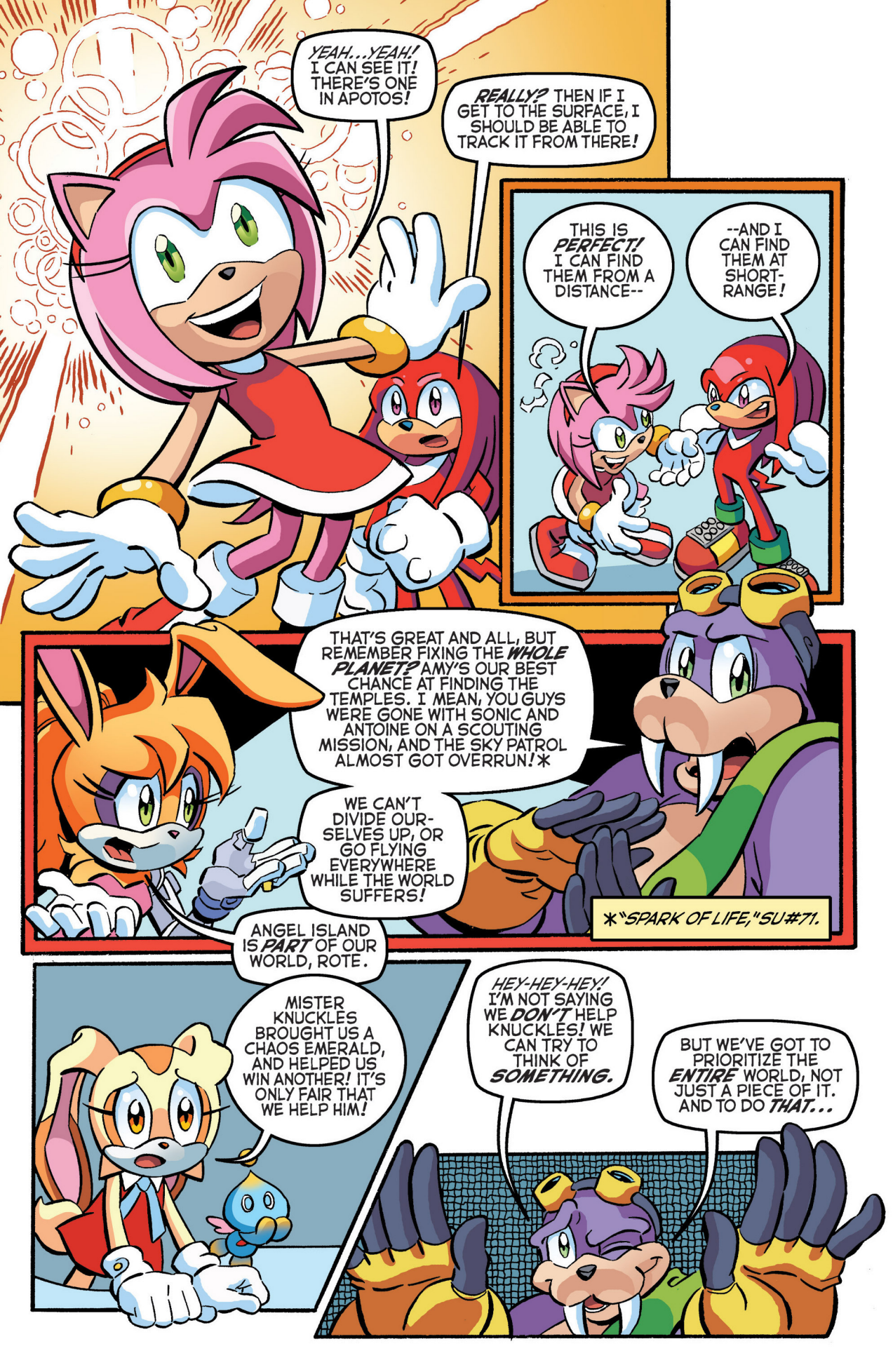
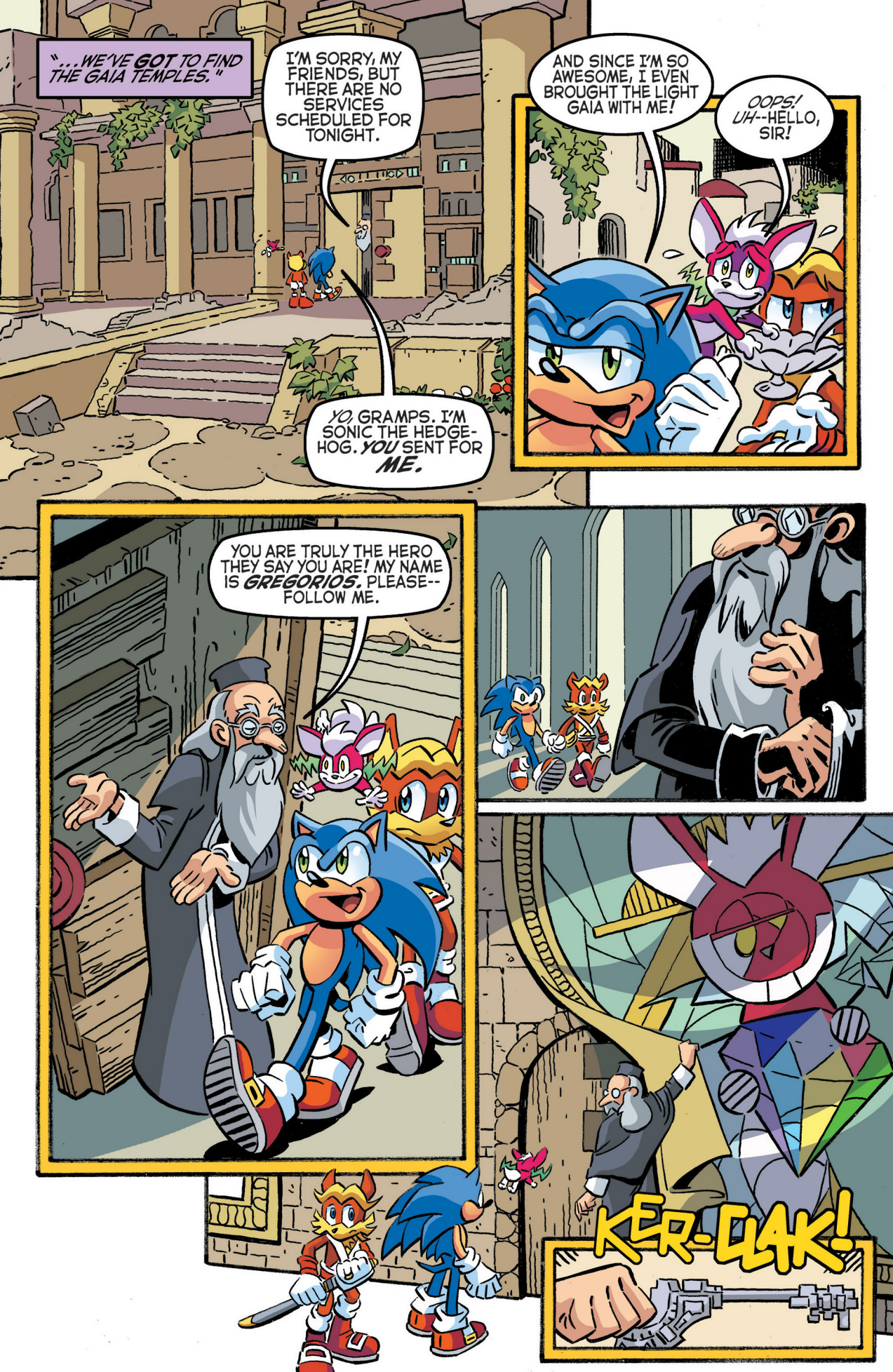

POW!
POW!
POW!
CRASH!
AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!
WOW! YOU GUYS ARE SO COOL!
ZERE ARE QUITE ZE MANY BADNIKS FOR SUCH ZE QUAINT TOWN, NON?
YEAH, AND I TANGLED WITH A FEW BEFORE I RAN INTO SILVER.*
WHEN WAS ZAT?
RIGHT AFTER WE WRAPPED UP THAT OTHER MISSION. I TRY TO KEEP BUSY.
IF EGGMAN IS SHOWING SUCH INTEREST IN ZE AREA, PERHAPS ZIS GREGORIOS FELLOW REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECRET?
WON'T HURT TO CHECK. WE'RE DOING OKAY FOR FINDING CHAOS EMERALDS.
BUT WE'RE WAY BEHIND ON FINDING GAIA TEMPLES.
*SONIC COMIC ORIGINS #6--READ FOR YOURSELF IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE #14!

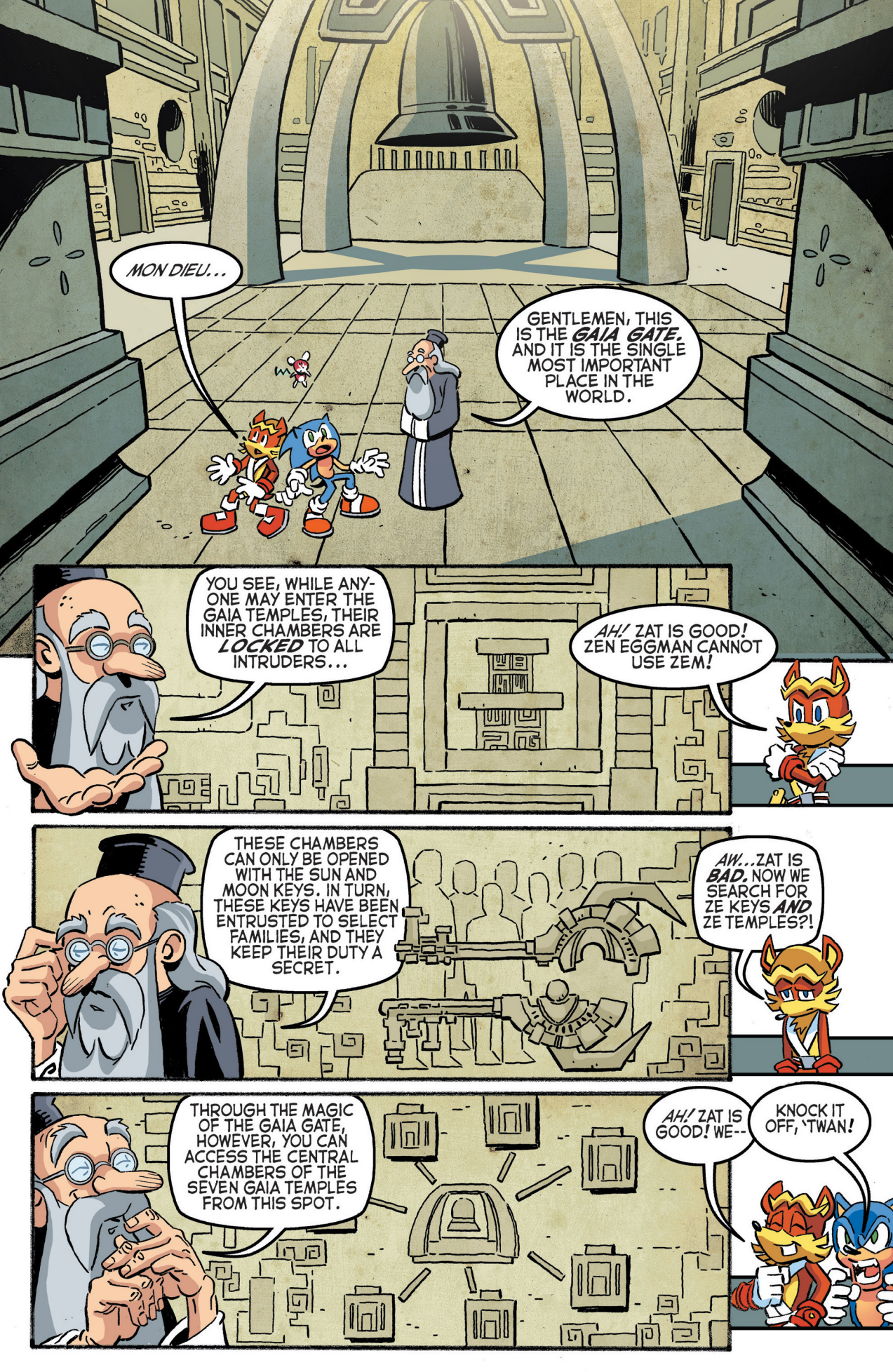

YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH! BUT WHAT HAVE I DONE?
ACCORDING TO TIKAL, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE LIGHT GAIA!* BUT I DON'T REMEMBER, AND I'VE NOT DONE MUCH AT ALL TO HELP. I'M FAILING THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD...
*"THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU #63-66.
HEY--YOU DO WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE, RIGHT?
R-RIGHT!
AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING TO HELP US, RIGHT?
O-OF COURSE!
THEN DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT DOING ENOUGH AND JUST DO IT! YOU'RE HERE WITH US NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.
YOU'RE RIGHT! AS "CHIP" OR THE "LIGHT GAIA," I PROMISE TO GIVE MY ALL TO SAVE THE WORLD!
...RIGHT AFTER I HAVE ONE OF THESE!
OHMYGOSH!

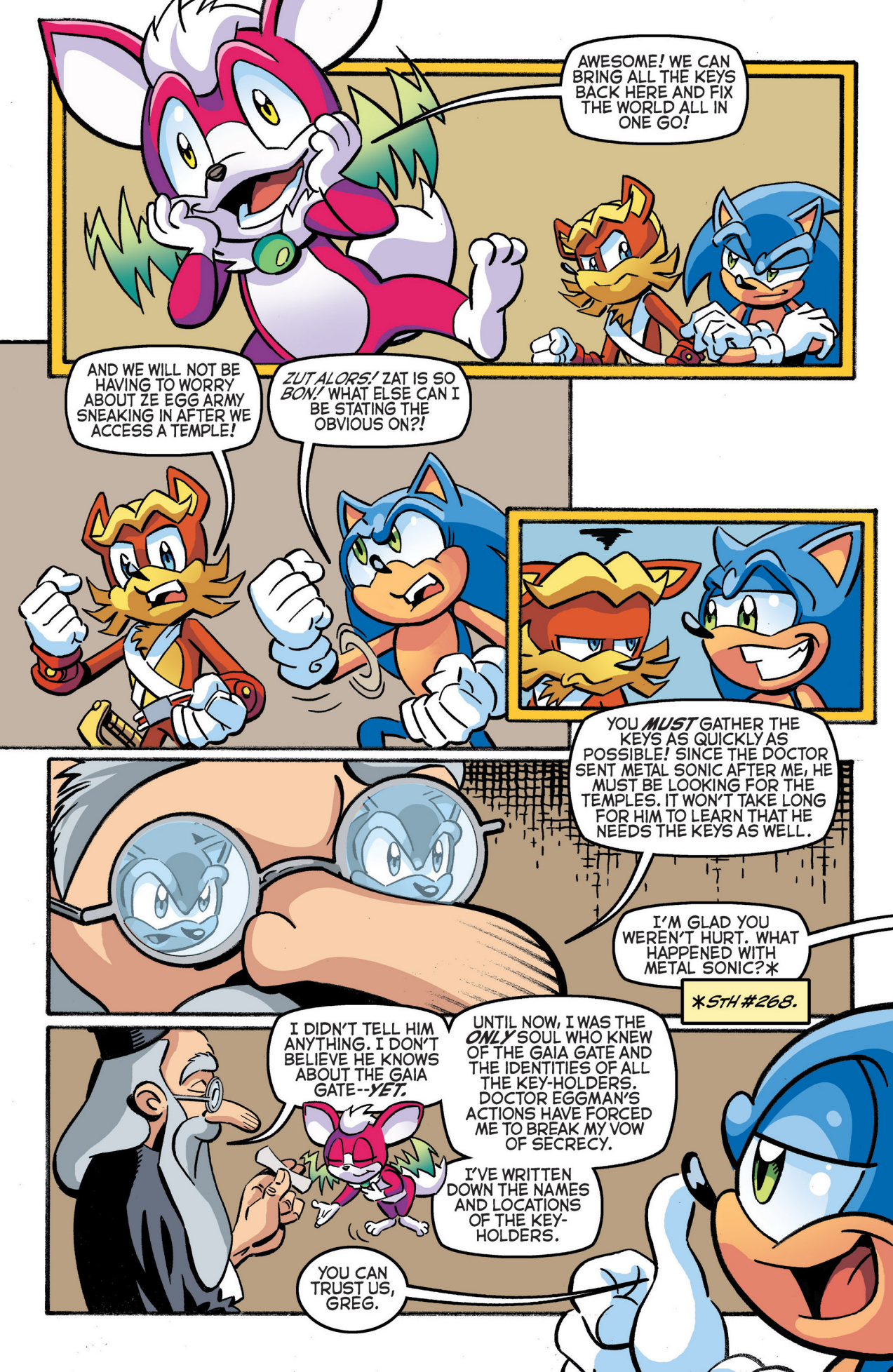

MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE SKY PATROL...
...SO I HAD TO SHATTER THE MASTER EMERALD. AGAIN. AND ITS SHARDS RAINED DOWN ON THE MESSED-UP PLANET.*
I THOUGHT I WAS HUNTING DOWN ONE OF THE SHARDS WHEN I ENDED UP GETTING ROPED INTO THE FIGHTING TOURNAMENT.
*"TOTAL ECLIPSE," SU #67-70.
YEAH, AND THEN YOU KNOCKED ME OUT OF THE RING...
NOW-NOW, AMY, DON'T BE A SORE LOSER!
WHAT ABOUT YER ISLAND? WITHOUT THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER, IT'LL FALL. AND WITH THE PLANET LIKE IT IS...
BUT THAT MEANS IF WE FIX THE PLANET, YOUR ISLAND WILL FALL!
NO, IT'S STILL FLOATING --JUST LIKE ALL THE CONTINENTS. I GUESS ONE GOOD THING HAD TO COME OF ALL THIS.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN POSTPONE SAVING EVERYONE...


HOLD ON! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN TRACKING DOWN THE SHARDS?
UH...SAME AS I ALWAYS DO? WITH MY INNATE ABILITY TO TRACK THEIR POWER.
YEAH, BUT HOW MUCH RANGE DO YOU GET ON THAT?
I DUNNO, A FEW MILES? BEYOND THAT, IT'S GUESS WORK.
I THOUGHT SO! I THINK I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
WHEN WE WERE IN MEROPIS, THE LOCAL PRIESTESS TAUGHT ME A TECHNIQUE SHE CALLED THE "MYSTIC MELODY."*
I'VE BEEN USING IT TO HELP US NARROW THE SEARCH FOR THE GAIA TEMPLES, BUT MAYBE IT CAN HELP US FIND THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS, TOO!
OOH, YAY! IT SOUNDS SO PRETTY!
*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #260-263.


YEAH...YEAH! I CAN SEE IT! THERE'S ONE IN APOTOS!
REALLY? THEN IF I GET TO THE SURFACE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK IT FROM THERE!
THIS IS PERFECT! I CAN FIND THEM FROM A DISTANCE--
--AND I CAN FIND THEM AT SHORT-RANGE!
THAT'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT REMEMBER FIXING THE WHOLE PLANET? AMY'S OUR BEST CHANCE AT FINDING THE TEMPLES. I MEAN, YOU GUYS WERE GONE WITH SONIC AND ANTOINE ON A SCOUTING MISSION, AND THE SKY PATROL ALMOST GOT OVERRUN!*
WE CAN'T DIVIDE OUR-SELVES UP, OR GO FLYING EVERYWHERE WHILE THE WORLD SUFFERS!
*"SPARK OF LIFE," SU #71.
ANGEL ISLAND IS PART OF OUR WORLD, ROTE.
MISTER KNUCKLES BROUGHT US A CHAOS EMERALD, AND HELPED US WIN ANOTHER! IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WE HELP HIM!
HEY-HEY-HEY! I'M NOT SAYING WE DON'T HELP KNUCKLES! WE CAN TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING.
BUT WE'VE GOT TO PRIORITIZE THE ENTIRE WORLD, NOT JUST A PIECE OF IT. AND TO DO THAT...

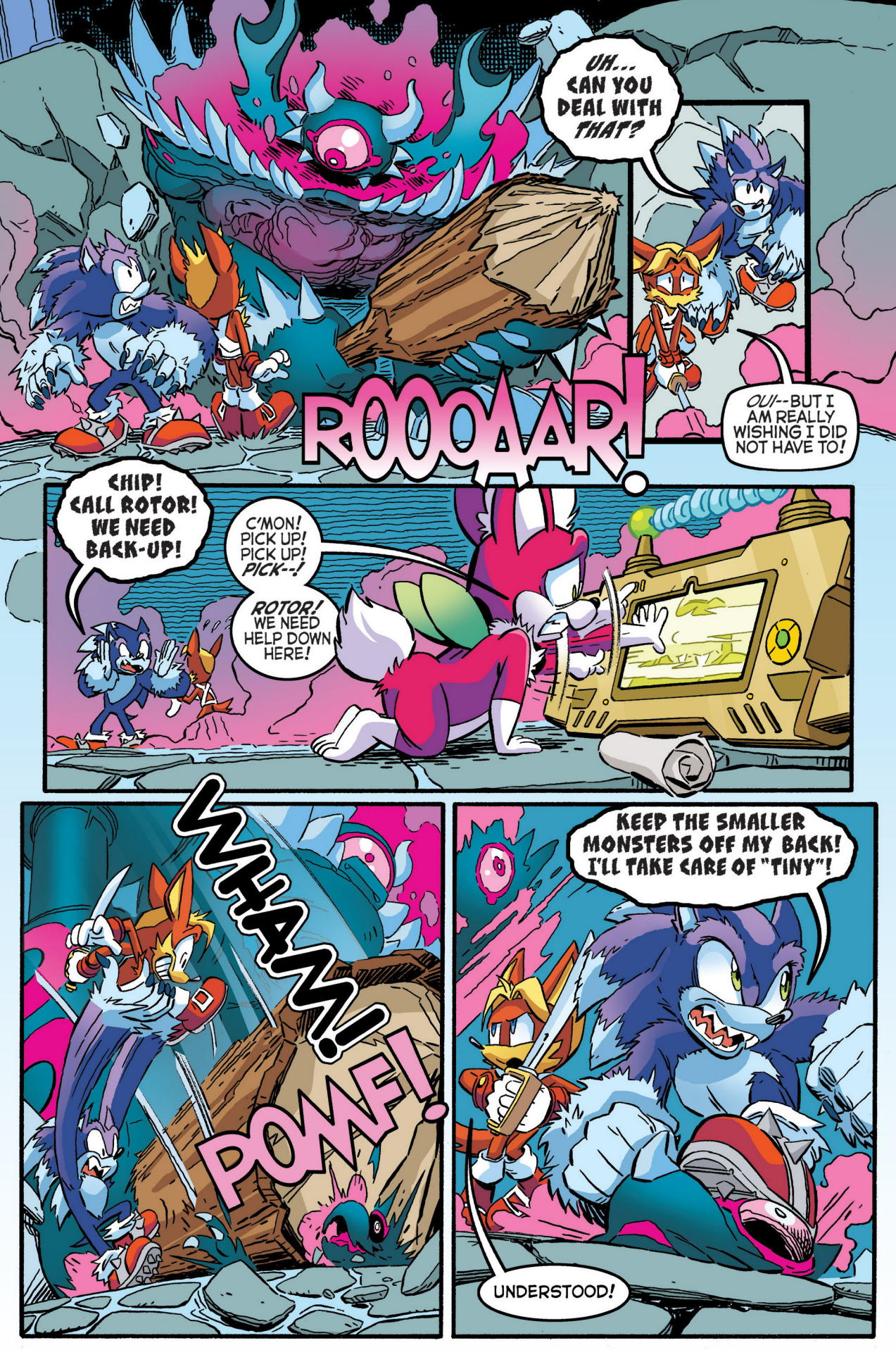

"...WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GAIA TEMPLES."
I'M SORRY, MY FRIENDS, BUT THERE ARE NO SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.
YO, GRAMPS. I'M SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG. YOU SENT FOR ME.
AND SINCE I'M SO AWESOME, I EVEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT GAIA WITH ME!
OOPS! UH--HELLO, SIR!
YOU ARE TRULY THE HERO THEY SAY YOU ARE! MY NAME IS GREGORIOS. PLEASE--FOLLOW ME.
KER-CLAK!


MON DIEU...
GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE GAIA GATE. AND IT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE WORLD.
YOU SEE, WHILE ANY-ONE MAY ENTER THE GAIA TEMPLES, THEIR INNER CHAMBERS ARE LOCKED TO ALL INTRUDERS...
AH! ZAT IS GOOD! ZEN EGGMAN CANNOT USE ZEM!
THESE CHAMBERS CAN ONLY BE OPENED WITH THE SUN AND MOON KEYS. IN TURN, THESE KEYS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO SELECT FAMILIES, AND THEY KEEP THEIR DUTY A SECRET.
AW...ZAT IS BAD. NOW WE SEARCH FOR ZE KEYS AND ZE TEMPLES?!
THROUGH THE MAGIC OF THE GAIA GATE, HOWEVER, YOU CAN ACCESS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS OF THE SEVEN GAIA TEMPLES FROM THIS SPOT.
AH! ZAT IS GOOD! WE--
KNOCK IT OFF, 'TWAN!


AWESOME! WE CAN BRING ALL THE KEYS BACK HERE AND FIX THE WORLD ALL IN ONE GO!
AND WE WILL NOT BE HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ZE EGG ARMY SNEAKING IN AFTER WE ACCESS A TEMPLE!
ZUT ALORS! ZAT IS SO BON! WHAT ELSE CAN I BE STATING THE OBVIOUS ON?!
YOU MUST GATHER THE KEYS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! SINCE THE DOCTOR SENT METAL SONIC AFTER ME, HE MUST BE LOOKING FOR THE TEMPLES. IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO LEARN THAT HE NEEDS THE KEYS AS WELL.
I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T HURT. WHAT HAPPENED WITH METAL SONIC?*
*STH #268.
I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING. I DON'T BELIEVE HE KNOWS ABOUT THE GAIA GATE--YET.
UNTIL NOW, I WAS THE ONLY SOUL WHO KNEW OF THE GAIA GATE AND THE IDENTITIES OF ALL THE KEY-HOLDERS. DOCTOR EGGMAN'S ACTIONS HAVE FORCED ME TO BREAK MY VOW OF SECRECY.
I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF THE KEY-HOLDERS.
YOU CAN TRUST US, GREG.

I'M SO EXCITED! MAYBE FINDING THE KEYS WILL HELP ME REGAIN MY MEMORIES, TOO!
YEAH, AND--
GRK!
--AND I CAN FINALLY STOP TURNING INTO THIS EVERY NIGHT.
HOO! ZAT WILL BE RELIEVING! IT GIVES ME ZE FRIGHT EVERY TIME. AND ZAT TERRIBLE MUSKY SMELL--ZUT ALORS!
AHHHHHH!
I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE'RE DONE WITH THE NIGHTLY MONSTER ATTACKS, TOO!
OUI! ZAT VERY MUCH AS WELL!

RUN!
NOT AGAIN!
HELP!
POMF!
SLING!
THE MONSTERS AREN'T TOO SPOOKY FOR YOU?
OH, I AM QUITE TERRIFIED.
BUT I CAN, HOW YOU SAY, "DEAL WITH IT."
THOOM!


UH... CAN YOU DEAL WITH THAT?
OUI--BUT I AM REALLY WISHING I DID NOT HAVE TO!
ROOOAAR!
CHIP! CALL ROTOR! WE NEED BACK-UP!
C'MON! PICK UP! PICK UP! PICK--!
ROTOR! WE NEED HELP DOWN HERE!
WHAM!
POWF!
KEEP THE SMALLER MONSTERS OFF MY BACK! I'LL TAKE CARE OF "TINY"!
UNDERSTOOD!

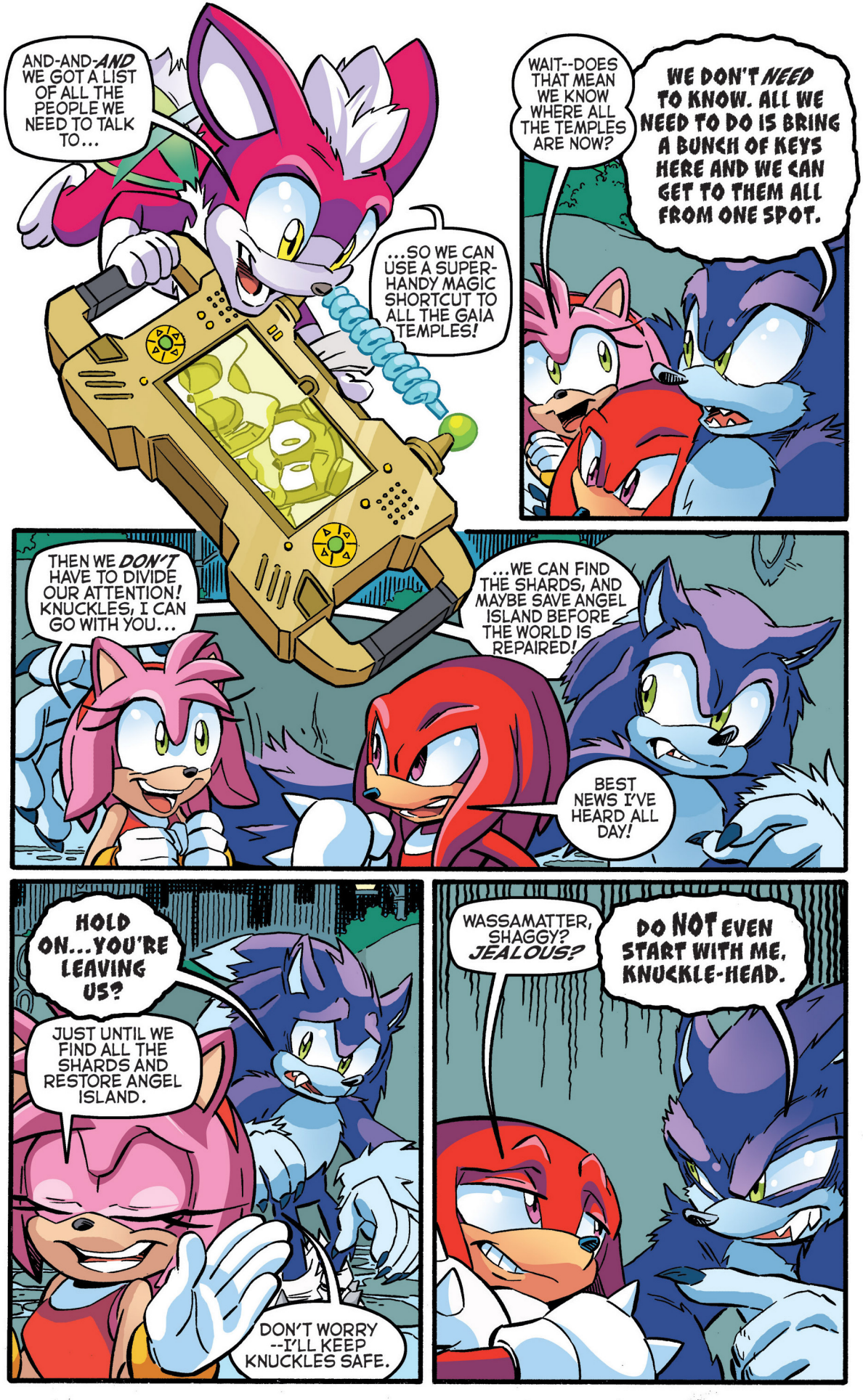
WHUD!
RRRRGH!
POW!
ZOT!
PIKO!
HAVIN' FUN, SUGAR-HOG?
SALLY CALLED AND SAYS HER TEAM IS FINE, BY THE WAY!
GREAT-- ANOTHER ONE OF THESE...
FRIEND OF YOURS?

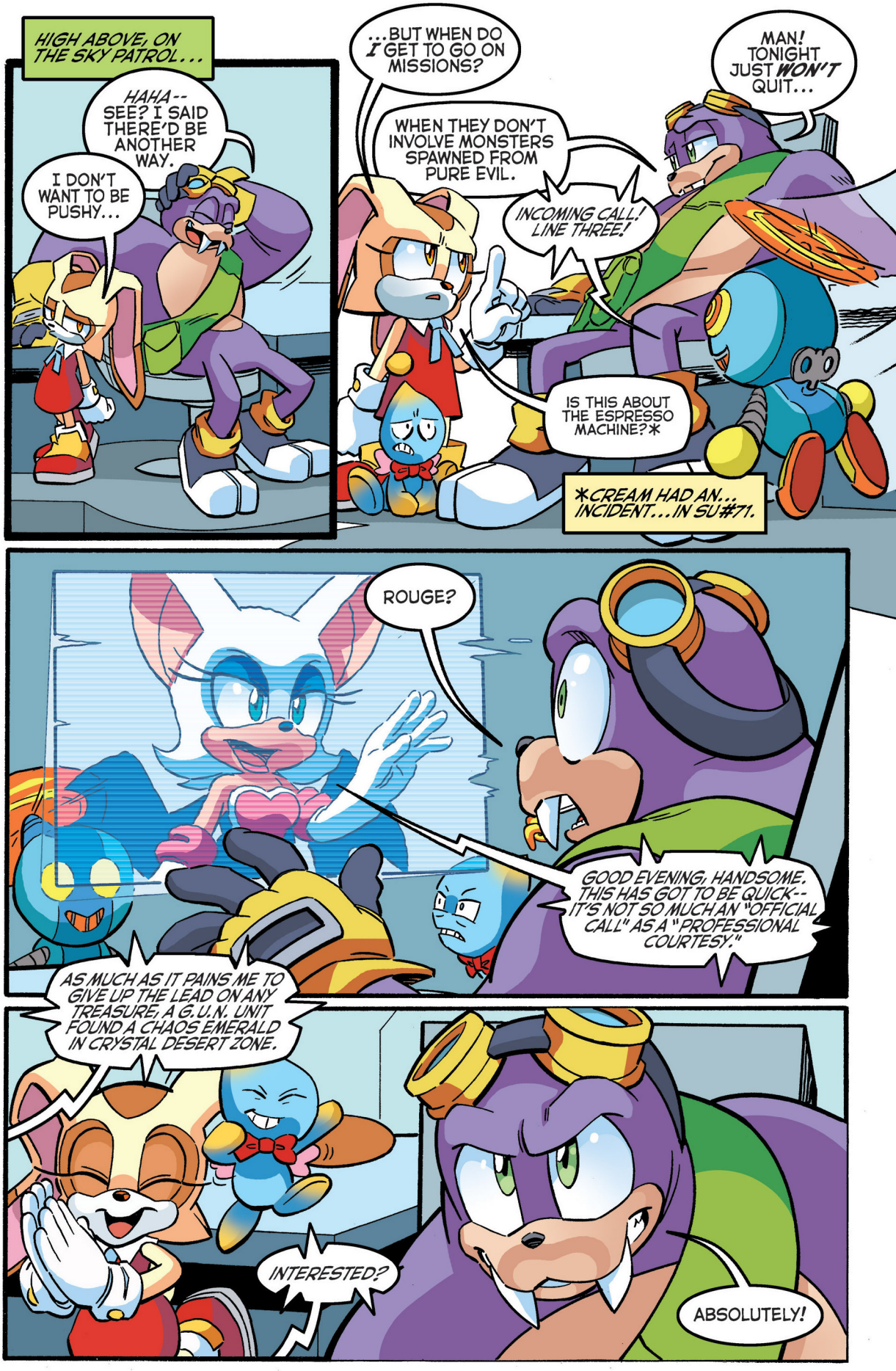
THE CHAOTIX AND I HAD TO FIGHT ONE TO GET THE RED CHAOS EMERALD.*
HOW'D YOU GUYS BEAT IT?
*"GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU#63-66.
UH...TRICKED BEAN INTO BOMBING THE CRUD OUT OF IT, AND THEN I PUNCHED IT LOTS...?
"PUNCH IT LOTS" IT IS!
I LIKE THIS VERSION OF YOU.
HEY! ISN'T THAT ONE OF YOUR MISSING SHARDS?
I THOUGHT IT FELT AWFULLY CLOSE!

DRIVE IT BACK! I'LL PULL THE SHARD FREE!
WITH PLEASURE!
JE DOIS ÊTRE FOU...
BOOOARF!
SHUNK!

SHKOOM!
ROOAAR!
THAT'S MAH MAN!
HEH! LET US BE SAVING ZE WORLD SO I AM NEVER HAVING TO DO ZAT AGAIN.
HRRRNNGH...
PIKO!

NICE WORK. THIS ALMOST MAKES UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT.*
THE ROUND STARTED! I THOUGHT YOU WERE READY! STOP MAKING ME THE BAD GUY!
*SEE AMY AND KNUCKLES BATTLE IN "CHAMPIONS"... STH #268-271.
HERE WE GO, KNUX. I HEARD YOU WERE COLLECTING THESE.
THANKS! ONE MORE DOWN...ER ...A BUNCH TO GO.
CAN YOU BE PUTTING ME DOWN NOW? ZE OTHERS--ZEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK!
AWW...BUT YER CUTE LIKE THIS.
WHAT'S GOING ON? DO I NEED TO COME DOWN?
OR ME AND CHEESE? WE CAN HELP!
WE'RE ALL GOOD DOWN HERE! I THINK THAT'S ALL THE MONSTERS FOR THE NIGHT.


AND-AND-AND WE GOT A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE NEED TO TALK TO...
...SO WE CAN USE A SUPER-HANDY MAGIC SHORTCUT TO ALL THE GAIA TEMPLES!
WAIT--DOES THAT MEAN WE KNOW WHERE ALL THE TEMPLES ARE NOW?
WE DON'T NEED TO KNOW. ALL WE NEED TO DO IS BRING A BUNCH OF KEYS HERE AND WE CAN GET TO THEM ALL FROM ONE SPOT.
THEN WE DON'T HAVE TO DIVIDE OUR ATTENTION! KNUCKLES, I CAN GO WITH YOU...
...WE CAN FIND THE SHARDS, AND MAYBE SAVE ANGEL ISLAND BEFORE THE WORLD IS REPAIRED!
BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!
HOLD ON...YOU'RE LEAVING US?
JUST UNTIL WE FIND ALL THE SHARDS AND RESTORE ANGEL ISLAND.
DON'T WORRY --I'LL KEEP KNUCKLES SAFE.
WASSAMATTER, SHAGGY? JEALOUS?
DO NOT EVEN START WITH ME, KNUCKLE-HEAD.


HIGH ABOVE, ON THE SKY PATROL...
HAHA-- SEE? I SAID THERE'D BE ANOTHER WAY.
I DON'T WANT TO BE PUSHY...
...BUT WHEN DO I GET TO GO ON MISSIONS?
WHEN THEY DON'T INVOLVE MONSTERS SPAWNED FROM PURE EVIL.
INCOMING CALL! LINE THREE!
MAN! TONIGHT JUST WON'T QUIT...
IS THIS ABOUT THE ESPRESSO MACHINE?*
*CREAM HAD AN... INCIDENT... IN SU#71.
ROUGE?
GOOD EVENING, HANDSOME. THIS HAS GOT TO BE QUICK-- IT'S NOT SO MUCH AN "OFFICIAL CALL" AS A "PROFESSIONAL COURTESY."
AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO GIVE UP THE LEAD ON ANY TREASURE, A G.U.N. UNIT FOUND A CHAOS EMERALD IN CRYSTAL DESERT ZONE.
INTERESTED?
ABSOLUTELY!

MEANWHILE...
MESSAGE FOR YOU, SIR. METAL SONIC IS ON THE LINE.
GIVE METAL SONIC CLEARANCE FOR ...WHATEVER HE'S DOING.
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOSTILE TAKEOVER!
THE BOSS SAYS YOU'RE CLEAR TO ENGAGE.
ACKNOWLEDGED.
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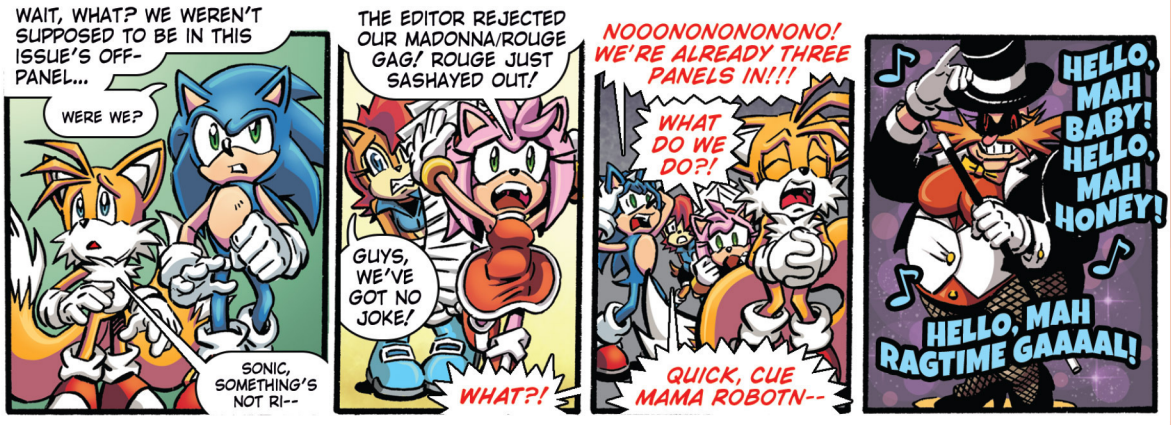
WAIT, WHAT? WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS ISSUE'S OFF-PANEL...
WERE WE?
SONIC, SOMETHING'S NOT RI--
THE EDITOR REJECTED OUR MADONNA/ROUGE GAG! ROUGE JUST SASHAYED OUT!
GUYS, WE'VE GOT NO JOKE!
WHAT?!
NOOONONONONONO! WE'RE ALREADY THREE PANELS IN!!!
WHAT DO WE DO?!
QUICK, CUE MAMA ROBOTN--
HELLO, MAH BABY! HELLO, MAH HONEY!
HELLO, MAH RAGTIME GAAAAL!

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